Setting up of small scale industries

3911. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entrepreneurs desiring to set up small scale industries in the country were required to approach a number of different department while processing their project papers; and

(b) if so, how far the situation has been eased by the economic reforms initiated recently by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) The number of Departments to be approached for processing the projects depends on the nature and type of projects and varies from case to case.

(*b*) Since rules and procedures vary from State to State, State Governments have been requested to evolve a simplified form of rules and procedures.

Foreign collaboration for manufacture of fuel efficient Cars

3912. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign collaborations for manufacture of fuel efficient passengers cars and peoples cars have lately been cleared by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Government have approved a proposal of M/s. Hindustan Motors Limited, Calcutta for setting up of a joint venture project with M/s. General Motors Corporation, U.S.A. for manufacture of fuel efficient passenger cars within the existing licensed capacity. The foreign equity participapation by the collaborator would be approximately 30% and there would be a balancing of foreign exchange outgo through export earnings.

Collaboration between General Electrical Company, United States of America and Godrej Company

3913. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any collaboration between the General Electrical Company of USA and Godrej Company, for a refrigerator and washing machine factory to be set up at Malanpur in Madhya Pradesh, has been cleared;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the factory is likely to be set up and started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) The Government have recently approved a proposal for Joint Venture between M/s. Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Bombay and M/s. General Electric of U.S.A. for manufacture of Refrigerators, Compressors, Washing Machines and other White Goods in a new unit in Malanpur (M.P.). M/s. General Electric will participate in the equity of the new Company to the extent of 40% and the balance equity of 60% will be held by M/s. Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Ltd. M/s. Godrej & Boyce have intimated that the completion of the factory will take approximately 24 months.

Target of industrial growth

3914. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for industrial growth during the current year;

(b) what steps have been taken to achieve this target; and

(c) whether these steps have helped in achieving the stipulated industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) For the industrial sector as a whole no target for growth rate has been fixed for the current year. As per the latest index of industrial production compiled by CSO, the overall industrial growth rate during April-November, 1991 was (—)10·8% over the corresponding period of last year. The New Industrial Policy, statement on which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 1991, is aimed at improving industrial production by relaxing controls and removing bureaucratic delays. Many policy measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 are designed to promote industrial growth . Thus measures like partial convertibility of the Rupee, reduction of duties on capital goods and elemination of import licensing except for a small negative list etc. would facilitate easier availability of raw-materials and components while measures like reduction in statutory liquidity ratio and reduction in interest rate would facilitate easier availability of funds at lower cost for indurstrial development.